



First
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

March 10, 2019

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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**“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of
the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.”**

Deuteronomy 5:6-7

First Sunday in Lent

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Julie DeKoster

Ten o'clock

March 10, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Christian Hearts in Love United” H. Klotz; D. Johnson; A. Lovelace

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “My Soul Finds Rest”

Keyes & Townsend

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;

A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.

Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me.

Refrain

O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;

Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;

With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.

Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,

My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever.

* Opening Hymns: “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” (sing twice)
“God, You Call Us to This Place”

#526

#531:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace,
we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.
We have honored creation more than Creator.
We have made idols of possessions and people
and used your name for causes
that are not consistent with you and your purposes.
We have permitted our schedules to come first
and have not taken the time to worship you.
We have not always honored those who guided us in life.
We have participated in systems and attitudes
that take life instead of give it.
We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.
We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,
and we have lied and misrepresented others' intentions.
**Forgive us, O God,
for the many ways sin shows up in our lives.
Teach us how to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Hymn of Assurance: "Behold the Lamb of God" **#110:1,14**
The choir will sing stanza 1,
and the congregation will join on stanza 14 after the readings.

* Affirmation of Faith and Guide to Grateful Living:
The Ten Commandments **#715**

* Song of Response: "Christian Hearts in Love United" **#727:1-3**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Anthem: "Today, Tomorrow, and Every Day"

Paul Sjolund

Be at peace every day. Today, tomorrow, and every day.

The same Everlasting Father who cares for you today

Will take care of you tomorrow, and every day.

Either he will shield you from suffering,

Or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then; be at peace.

The same Everlasting Father who cares for you today

Will take care of you tomorrow and every day.

The Everlasting Father cares.

Be at peace, every day. Today, tomorrow, and every day.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "Ancient Words"

#762:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 5:6-21

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **HOW FREE PEOPLE LIVE**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "I Surrender All"

#739:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory: "Dear Lord and God"

Johann Walther

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#964

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen, amen.

* Postlude: "Choral Song"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 10, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We continue our series from the Heidelberg Catechism, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Deuteronomy 5:6-21, “How Free People Live.” The offering is for Mission Outreach.

This morning the Sanctuary Choir will re-introduce the hymn “Behold the Lamb of God,” #110, which we will use as the hymn of assurance throughout the season of Lent. Each week we will sing stanza 1, followed by the reading of two stanzas by youth readers, and concluding with the singing of stanza 14. The text of this hymn is a remembrance of the life of Christ: his birth, his life on earth, his death, and his resurrection.

Evening worship: Rev. Laura Smit preaches from Psalm 73, “Entering the Sanctuary.” The offering is for ACCESS of West Michigan.

ACCESS carries out the work of God by linking churches, individuals, and community resources to reduce hunger and poverty in Kent County. Examples of its programs are the Food Pantry Network, which is supported by the annual Hunger Walk; the Disaster Response Program; and poverty education, which makes the community aware of poverty and how best to respond.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 17

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 13:31-35, “A Hen in the Fox House.” The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Our worship will be led by some of the Calvin CRC high school students, and Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Genesis 15. After the worship service, we will have pizza and salad for all to enjoy. Please join us! The offering will be for Dégagé Ministries.

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to **Roger and Ruth Westrate** in honor of their lives of service from their grandchildren.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	“A Friend in Need”	Cheri, Tyler
1 st - 2 nd grade	“The Good Shepherd and the Lord’s Supper”	

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—ADULT EDUCATION: Body and Soul: Insight from the Heidelberg Catechism – “The Grateful Life” (Q & A 86-115). Facilitator: Rev. Brad Zwiers

We continue exploring the Heidelberg Catechism using the book *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* with a short video and small group discussion. Copies of *Body and Soul* are available in the church office for \$15. The final date for this series is March 24 - Chapter 6, “Teach Us to Pray” (Q&A 116-129).

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** When Bitterness Covered the White House: The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson. Presenter: Robert Schoone-Jongen

When President Andrew Johnson clashed with the Congress about the meaning of the Civil War, the conflict led to the first-ever attempt to remove a president from office through the impeachment process. Johnson's ordeal is a sobering lesson in what can happen when the president uses the office to seek revenge against his political opponents.

FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST: March 11 is the second Monday of the month. The Calvin Friendship Breakfast will be held at Russ' Restaurant, 28th St SE, tomorrow morning at 8:30. Reservations are not needed. Come and enjoy a meal together around the breakfast table.

BOOK CLUB: Join us at 4:00 PM on Monday, March 11, as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets Wednesday, March 13, at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room. Anyone dealing in any way with the effects of cancer is invited to attend.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on March 13 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. A donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Districts 1 and 2 will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

LENTEN PRAYERS: You are invited to join a short time of evening prayer each Wednesday during Lent. We'll gather from 7:00-7:30 PM in the Lounge on March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, and 17 to follow a liturgy of evening prayer together. Consider including this in your observance of the season of Lent this year and invite friends to join. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Pastor Brad if you have questions.

FAMILY PROMISE: Calvin Church will be hosting Family Promise families March 17-24. All help is appreciated. The sign-up board is near the kitchen.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Save the dates! We will plan to meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 on March 20, 27, April 10, May 1, 8, and 15. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

LILLY FOUNDATION RENEWAL GRANT: The Lilly Foundation offers grants to pastors and congregations to support sabbatical renewal. The council and Pastor Rebecca have been working together on a grant proposal for sabbatical leave that she would take in the summer of 2020. The plans include activities for Calvin Church during her absence, so she is eager to hear your feedback on these plans before the grant proposal is submitted. You are invited to a time of refreshments and conversation about this renewal grant on Sunday, March 24 at 3:30 PM in the Lounge.

KIDS' FOOD BASKET: Are you interesting in fighting childhood hunger? If you are, save this date: April 13, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. We need 35 - 40 volunteers to help fill snack bags with trail mix to place in sack suppers for Kids' Food Basket. Look for more information in next week's bulletin. Signups to provide ingredients and to volunteer will begin on Sunday, March 17. All ages are welcome!

ATTENTION WOMEN SOFTBALL PLAYERS: Please inform Kim Spoelma ASAP if you intend to play this upcoming season. She needs to know if we will have enough players to field a team. Call or text 616-644-5856, or email kimspoelma@yahoo.com.

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- The black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord, the red expresses Christ's suffering, and the branch is a symbol of his crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering. The thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ's victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens, and comforts, so Christ as the "Son of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- Large print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Adult coloring pages are on the TRIP table in the Narthex.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Preschool: The Little Children (TLC) gathers downstairs in Room 19 prior to the morning worship.
- K-2nd: After the Children's Message the Children's Worship ministry meets downstairs in Rooms 11 & 13 until the conclusion of worship. Parents meet their children there following the service.
- Busy Bags for young children are on the picket fence in the Atrium.
- Bulletins for older children are in the rack in the Narthex.
- Coloring pages and colored pencils are available at the table in the Narthex.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

	<i>Today, Sunday, March 10</i>
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bert & Sally DeVries
	East Greeters: Nate & Marissa Dierlam
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Mike & Lisa TerBeek, Abi Lizewski, Henry TerBeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Koeman, Burghgraef
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Body and Soul: Insight from the Heidelberg Catechism
	<i>Monday, March 11</i>
8:30a	Friendship Breakfast at Russ' on 28 th Street
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, March 12</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Book Study led by Lynette in the Lounge
7:30p	Mission Outreach meeting in the Conference Room
	<i>Wednesday, March 13</i>
4:00p	Cancer Support Group meets in the Conference Room
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers
6:00p	Family Assistance Building open for volunteers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Netz)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	Cadets, GEMS, 78ers
	Lenten Prayers in the Lounge
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, March 14</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, March 15</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study in the Atrium
	<i>Next Sunday, March 17 Family Promise begins</i>
9:15a	Fellowship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Roger & Judy Faber
	East Greeters: Ray & Jeanine Lanning
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Jackie Noordewier
	Natalie Poortenga, Lydia Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Feenstra
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: When Bitterness Covered the White House. Presenter: Bob Schoone-Jongen
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meeting in the Lounge
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall